

Withdrawal Move Gains Strip Resident's Aid

A new indictment of Los Angeles for failure to take care of the needs of the people of the Shoestring Strip was hurled this week by Emmet A. Ryan, 1457 W. 185th street, who supports Assemblyman Vincent Thomas in his move to have legislation adopted to permit San Pedro, Wilmington and the Shoestring Strip to withdraw from Los Angeles.

Thomas again will present his bill, which just fell short of being adopted in 1947, at the session of the Legislature opening on March 1, he has announced.

In a letter to the Torrance Herald, Ryan declares that cesspools are contaminating water wells in the Strip area and he contends that none of the tax money paid to Los Angeles is used for benefit of the Strip residents.

His letter follows:
"I see I am quoted in part in the Herald for my stand to secede from the Los Angeles Strip.

"I believe a little further explanation is in order and will

try to convey my stand along with the opinion of others I have interviewed. I made the statement that we are using cesspools that are contaminating the local wells, and that we have no standing in the community in which we live.

"Let me explain that we have no sewers and since we are not a part of Gardena, neither they nor we can afford to build separate sewer mains to this district. If we were incorporated with Gardena or Torrance, Harbor City, etc., it would give us enough bonding power to look after our own interests and mutually help build up the community in which we live.

"We cannot get even as much street maintenance as the county gives, I have lived in both.

"Our tax money gets very little for us, and Gardena and Torrance get none of it so they are not interested in us either, yet our interests are with the locality in which we live and trade, and it is only natural that we wish to consolidate and build up the community in which we live.

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Two Picnics Announced

Walter Danielson, president of Montana State Society Association, announces to former residents of the "Mountain State" and their friends, that the anticipated mid-winter reunion will be held Feb. 22 (Washington's Birthday) all day, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.

John F. Sinclair, president of "The North Star" State, is making plans for a large reunion of the "Gophers" and their friends, Saturday Feb. 21, all day in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles. Greetings and reminiscence, with a special program, will prove the familiar slogan.

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